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19 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P-Admin

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Propriety of Agency Payment for Transportation of Household
25X1A9a Goods and Personal Effects - Case of [REDACTED]

REFERENCE : (a) Memorandum from Chief, FE to DD/P-Admin, Same Subject,
Dated 2 August 1954
(b) Your Memorandum, Same Subject, Dated 12 August 1954

1. Your memorandum requested the opinion of this office with regard
25X1A9a to the propriety of Agency payment for transportation of the household goods
and personal effects of [REDACTED] in the circumstances stated.

25X1A9a 2. Apparently [REDACTED] came to duty with the Agency in July 1951
and was assigned overseas with the Far East Division. It is stated that,
prior to his departure for overseas in April 1952, "storage space was at
25X1A9a a premium in Washington." On this basis, the transportation of certain
of [REDACTED] household goods and personal effects (hereinafter termed
"effects") from Washington to Concord, New Hampshire, at Agency expense
25X1A9a was authorized, it being contemplated that they would be stored in Concord
during [REDACTED] tour of duty overseas. Following [REDACTED] return to Head-25X1A9a
quarters, apparently early in this year, his tour of duty with the Agency
terminated and he was returned to his parent service, the United States
Air Force. Now he has been transferred to Turner Air Force Base in Georgia.
The Air Force is willing to pay for the transportation of [REDACTED] effects 25X1A9a
from Washington to Georgia, but it is unwilling to pay for such transpor-
25X1A9a tation from Concord to Washington. Against this background, [REDACTED] has
requested that this Agency transport his effects from Concord to Washington
at its expense.

3. This Agency's authority to pay for the transportation of household
goods and personal effects of its employees derives variously from the
Foreign Service Travel Regulations, Standardized Government Travel Regu-
lations, Public Law 600, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as
amended, Agency Regulations, and, in the instance of military personnel,
the Joint Travel Regulations. This office has reviewed these authorities.
Except for the Agency regulation, which in turn refers to the statutory
authorities, the circumstances under which payment is authorized explicitly
are set out in each. In none is there authorization for payment in the
situation presented here.

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5. On the basis of the foregoing, it is our opinion that this Agency may not properly pay the cost of transporting [REDACTED] effects from Concord, New Hampshire to Washington, D.C. In closing, we express our doubts as to the propriety of the payment of the transportation costs of the effects from Washington to Concord in the first place. Lacking any operational justification therefor, applicable law and regulations indicate such payment to have been improper. 25X1A9a

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